

# *A Christmas Carol*

## TEST

### Multiple Choice

1. When alive, Jacob Marley was Ebenezer Scrooge's
  - A. brother.
  - B. cousin.
  - C. business partner.
  - D. childhood friend.
  - E. teacher.
2. Who invites Scrooge to Christmas dinner?
  - A. Bob Cratchit
  - B. Fred
  - C. Tiny Tim
  - D. Belle
  - E. Jacob Marley
3. When did Jacob Marley die?
  - A. two years ago
  - B. seven years ago
  - C. ten years ago
  - D. fifteen years ago
  - E. He is not dead.
4. What do the two portly gentlemen who enter Scrooge's office want?
  - A. a donation for the poor
  - B. a donation for the workhouses
  - C. a donation for the local union
  - D. a donation for the prison
  - E. a donation for the Treadmill
5. How does Scrooge respond when people wish him a merry Christmas?
  - A. "Bah! Fiddlesticks!"
  - B. "Bah! Baloney!"
  - C. "Bah! Phooey!"
  - D. "Bah! Nonsense!"
  - E. "Bah! Humbug!"
6. How is Marley's spirit punished for his greedy life?
  - A. He must push a boulder up a hill.
  - B. He is weighed down by chains and cashboxes.
  - C. He must wander for all time.
  - D. He must council those who are poor in spirit.
  - E. He must count money for eternity.

7. Scrooge sees a number of spirits floating outside his window that
- A. are all chained together.
  - B. have lost the ability to speak.
  - C. suffer from being unable to help others.
  - D. are tortured by tiny birds.
  - E. are trying to scare small children.
8. The Ghost of Christmas Past has a glowing head that represents
- A. intelligence.
  - B. memory.
  - C. thoughtfulness.
  - D. curiosity.
  - E. cleverness.
9. Where does Scrooge go first with the Ghost of Christmas Past?
- A. Scrooge's school
  - B. Fezziwig's warehouse
  - C. Belle's house
  - D. Fezziwig's Christmas party
  - E. Cratchit's house
10. How many brothers does the Ghost of Christmas Present claim to have?
- A. two
  - B. more than five hundred
  - C. fewer than a thousand
  - D. none
  - E. more than eighteen hundred
11. The Ghost of Christmas Present is wearing
- A. a red robe with white fur trim.
  - B. a black robe and sandals.
  - C. a white tunic and wreath.
  - D. a green robe with white fur trim.
  - E. a gold tunic and green sash.
12. Why does Tiny Tim want the people in church to see him?
- A. He has new shoes.
  - B. He has a new coat.
  - C. He is crippled.
  - D. He is with his father.
  - E. He hopes for donations.

13. To travel with the Ghost of Christmas Present, Scrooge must
- A. hold the hand of the Ghost of Christmas Present
  - B. hold the Ghost of Christmas Present's robe.
  - C. put his hand over his heart.
  - D. touch his nose.
  - E. close his eyes.
14. Old Joe is shocked that Mrs. Dilber has the nerve to steal Scrooge's
- A. bed-curtains and blankets.
  - B. silver.
  - C. snuff box and letter opener.
  - D. glasses.
  - E. watch and ring.
15. How does Scrooge punish Cratchit for arriving late on Christmas morning?
- A. He terminates Cratchit's employment.
  - B. He gives Cratchit a goose.
  - C. He gives Cratchit a raise.
  - D. He reprimands Cratchit.
  - E. He invites Cratchit to dinner.
16. What does the Ghost of Christmas Past use to dim his light?
- A. a magic spell
  - B. money
  - C. a cap
  - D. wool stockings
  - E. a blanket
17. Why does Belle break her engagement with Scrooge?
- A. She met another man.
  - B. She was only interested in money.
  - C. There was an age difference between them.
  - D. A long separation lessened her feelings for him.
  - E. Scrooge has become too greedy.
18. What does the Ghost of Christmas Past show Scrooge last?
- A. children crying
  - B. children laughing
  - C. a Christmas tree without any ornaments
  - D. a Bible
  - E. Scrooge's grave
19. What does the Ghost of Christmas Present have under his robe at his feet?
- A. presents for Bob Cratchit
  - B. money for Scrooge
  - C. two wretched children—Ignorance and Want
  - D. gifts for the poor and the orphans
  - E. exactly what Scrooge lost as a child

20. What does Scrooge send the boy to buy on Christmas morning?
- A. presents for the poor
  - B. a huge Christmas tree
  - C. whatever the boy wants
  - D.** a large turkey
  - E. a bicycle

### Matching

Match the character to the appropriate quote.

21. **D** "God bless us every one!" (Pg. 51) A. Ebenezer Scrooge
22. **E** "Father is so much kinder than he used to be, that home's like Heaven!" (Pg. 33) B. Belle
23. **A** "If they would rather die, [...] they had better do it, and decrease the surplus population." (Pg. 16) C. Jacob Marley
24. **B** "Another idol has displaced me; and if it can cheer and comfort you in time to come, as I would have tried to do, I have no just cause to grieve." (Pg. 37) D. Tiny Tim
25. **C** "Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence, were all my business." (Pg. 24) E. Fan

### Essay

1. Discuss the symbolism of the way that each ghost appears and is dressed.
2. Select two instances in which Charles Dickens addresses personal or social morality in *A Christmas Carol*. Discuss Dickens' message or implication, using quotes from the text to support your answer.
3. What aspects of the actual celebration of Christmas in the book are similar to how it is celebrated today? Which ones are different?